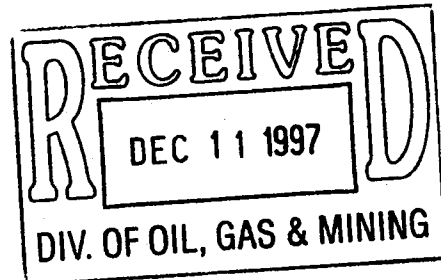




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December 10, 1997

Mr. D. Wayne Hedberg
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
1594 West North Temple, Suite 1220
Salt Lake City, UT 84114



RE: Trixie Mine Permit, Utah County

Dear Mr. Hedberg;

As we have discussed, South Standard Mining Company currently holds the Trixie Mine Permit. On June 28, 1996, the South Standard Mining Company was merged into Chief Gold Mines, Inc. which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Chief Consolidated Mining Company. (Please see enclosed copy of the recorded Certificate of Merger.) Bond in the amount of \$39,800.00 remains in effect in the form of Wells Fargo Bank, Salt Lake City Certificate of Deposit number

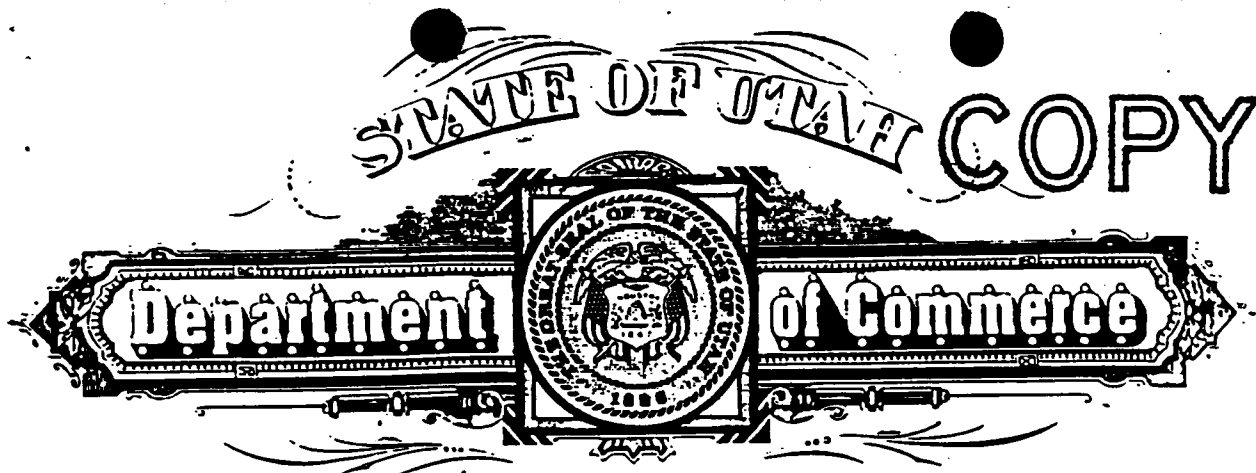
With the bank's letter dated November 5, 1997 (copy enclosed), Chief Gold Mines, Inc. has been added as an additional payee along with the State of Utah. With this correspondence, Chief Gold Mines, Inc. requests that the name of the owner and operator of the Trixie Mine Permit be changed from South Standard Mining Company to Chief Gold Mines, Inc. Because this transaction is a merger and name change only, you informed me that a formal mine permit transfer application need not be made.

Please feel free to contact me if any additional information is required or with any questions. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Gast
Principal

Cc: Leonard Weitz
Paul Spor



THE UTAH DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS AND COMMERCIAL
CODE HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT the attached is a true, correct, and
complete copy of *Articles of Merger* of

SOUTH STANDARD MINING COMPANY, INC.

into

CHIEF GOLD MINES, INC.

and the endorsements thereon, as the same is taken from and
compared with the original filed in the office of the Division on *June*
28, 1996, and now remaining on file and of record therein.

AS APPEARS OF RECORD IN THE OFFICES OF THE DIVISION.

File Number: *CO 185325*

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CRAIG J. SPERRY, JUAB COUNTY RECORDER
1996 JUL 29 09:45 AM FEE \$96.00 BY DPZ
FOR: SECURITY TITLE AND ABSTRACT COMPANY



Dated this 15th day
of July, 19 96.

Korla S. Woods

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Director, Division of

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FAX NO. 801 596 8824

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November 5, 1997

Main Office
180 South Main Street
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

RE: Chief Gold Mines Inc.

Dear Mr White,

Concerning the CD # [redacted] in the name of the State of Utah, I have added the name Chief Gold Mines to the title and I also changed the address to read PO Box 270 Eureka, Ut. When the CD was originally set up South Standard's name was not present as you can see as per enclosure. When the cashier's check is mailed out it will be in the name of the CD, meaning it will have State of Utah/Chief Gold Mines as the payee.

During my research into the missing interest checks I found two, and had the present one in my possession. I put a stop payment on the January and the April checks and reissued them out of my branch. I just reissued a new check made payable to Chief Gold for October. I also found out that the July interest check was outstanding so I just repeated the process. You will find copies of the checks inclosed.

If you have any further questions please let me or Tonya know at 1-801-350-7036 or my extension is 7111.

Sincerely,

Lesli L Delia
Agent

